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Local law enforcement officers make several drug arrests within three week period

Law enforcement officers from the Elba Police Department and Coffee County Sheriff's Department continue to wage war on the manufacture, possession and use of illegal drugs in the area, and jointly made several more arrests and drug seizures throughout the past three weeks.

Elba Police Chief R.W. (Ronnie) Whitworth and Coffee County Sheriff Ben Moates commended the officers for their efforts in the battle against the drug epidemic, and together said they hope these efforts will help to get a stronghold on this growing problem.

Throughout the three week period, spanning from March 14-

April 1, officers with the two departments arrested 19 individuals on various drug charges.

On Friday, March 14, officers were in the process of serving a felony warrant on Phillip David Brown for possession of a controlled substance when they noticed the strong odor of methamphetamine from inside his residence. According to reports, Brown invited officers into the residence, and they found a meth lab sitting on a makeshift table in the kitchen area. At that point, the lab was dismantled and evidence was collected by the officers. A hazardous materials disposal company was contacted to take possession of the materials and chemicals used to manufacture methamphetamine.

Phillip David Brown was arrested on the warrant for unlawful possession of a controlled substance and was also charged with unlawful manufacture of a controlled substance - first degree. He was placed in the Coffee County Jail under a \$30,000 bond.

On Monday, March 17, officers executed a search warrant at the residence of David and Brenda Lee, 109 Durham St., New Brockton, and found what they referred to as an elaborate type lab being concealed in the attic of the home. Officers said chemicals and assorted cookware were being concealed in the kitchen area, and a very large amount of hazardous waste was found in and around the home. Also, a substantial amount of "meth oil" and powdered methamphetamine was discovered.

David Harold Lee, age 39, of New Brockton, Brenda Fay Lee, age 38, of New Brockton, and Cody Ledon Stephens, age 19, of Dothan, were arrested and charged with the manufacture of methamphetamine - first degree, possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and possession of drug paraphernalia.

David and Brenda Lee were placed in the Coffee County Jail under a \$40,500 bond, and Cody Ledon Stephens was placed in the Coffee County Jail under a \$2,500 bond.

On Friday, March 21, officers were investigating a report of drug activity at the residence of Cynthia Ellis Stephens on

Summons Street in Elba. Upon receiving consent to search the home, officers found methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia.

Arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and possession of drug paraphernalia were Cynthia Ellis Stephens, age 37, of Elba, Rex Roman Rhodes, age 57, of Brantley, and James Ray Sanders, age 31, of Glenwood. Sanders were also charged with tampering with evidence.

Stephens and Rhodes were placed in the Coffee County Jail under a \$10,500 bond each and Sanders was placed in the jail with his bond set at \$11,500.

Also on Friday, March 21, Elba police officer Kevin Wise recovered approximately one pound of marijuana after initiating a routine traffic stop. Arrested were Otis LaVaughn Daniels, age 25, of Luverne, and Frankie Louis Daniels, age 41, of Elba. Both were released on bond and are awaiting the case to go before the grand jury.

On Thursday, March 27, officers were attempting to serve outstanding warrants at the residence of Edwin Doyle Lee and Peggy Sue Lee on Coffee County Road 223 when they discovered marijuana, smoking devices, white powder (which was turned over to the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences for analysis) and assorted paraphernalia after receiving consent to search the home.

Edwin Lee was arrested on the outstanding warrants from Covington and Coffee counties and now faces new charges of unlawful possession.

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The officers said they are anticipating many more arrests as the grand jury prepares to convene in the near future, and anyone with information that could assist in capturing a drug offender is urged to call their local law enforcement agency.

After all, they said it is everyone working together that really makes the difference.



Highly flammable, poisonous and explosive chemicals are used in the production of methamphetamine; therefore, those who manufacture the drug not only place themselves in danger but also endanger those around them.

methamphetamine lab along with the associated chemicals, cookware and finished product.

Arrested at the scene and charged with possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia were Brian

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Elba and Coffee County joint effort paying off in regards to drug arrests

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Joining forces has proven very effective for two local law enforcement agencies already this year as the Elba Police Department and Coffee County Sheriff's Department continue to "crack down" on illegal drugs.

The two departments joined forces in early January, and the numbers so far prove the effort is paying off as the 12th Judicial Drug Task Force reports impressive figures for the first quarter of 2003.

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Improvements approved at Kinston, New Brockton and Zion Chapel Coffee County BOE proceeds with capital fund projects

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The Coffee County Board of Education studied specifications provided for three different capital funds projects last Thursday evening, April 3, and later voted

to proceed with the projects. Kinston, New Brockton and Zion Chapel will benefit from the projects as the wiring will be upgraded at Kinston, air conditioning will be added to the auditorium at New Brockton

and the office area will be moved to the front of the building at Zion Chapel Elementary. Also at Zion Chapel, the library will be enclosed with shelving added.

Even though we are facing tough times ahead, I feel all these are projects that we should proceed with," superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram said.

Attending the Thursday evening meeting was architect Bill Wallace, and he provided specifications for the board members to look at for each job. At Zion Chapel, Wallace also recommended going ahead and adding a canopy to the front of the building to provide shelter for the students in times of rain. He said this whole project should cost a projected \$65,000.

Wallace said the air conditioning project at New Brockton should cost about \$100,000, and the Kinston wiring job should be approximately \$70,000.

When asked about the age of the existing wiring at Kinston, the best answer anyone could give was, "It is long overdue."

Wallace said the specifications for the three projects have been submitted to the building commission for approval; therefore, he said with the board of education's approval, bids could be sent out for the projects. He

also recommended bidding the three projects as one package which he said will save the school system money in the long run.

Upon the recommendation of Ingram, the board voted and approved a motion to proceed with letting the bids for the projects combined in one package.

Tom Moates addressed the board concerning textbook recommendations, and he said the books up for renewal include career technical books.

"Career technical education is still important," Moates said. "In fact, I think it's more important than the state places on it."

He said career technical courses include: agriscience, business education, family and career science and carpentry. With a change in curriculum, he said it is going to require purchasing books for the upcoming year.

Moates said the textbook committee was made up of all the career technical teachers within the school system, and after careful review, they provided a list of desired books for the board to consider.

However, Moates suggested adopting every book on the state list to allow the teachers to keep

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Celebrate Elba 150 kickoff set for Sunday

All the planning and talking about Elba's 150th celebration will come together this weekend as the citizens gather around the square in Elba Sunday afternoon to get things started.

The event will be a special religious ceremony, and it will serve as the kickoff for "Celebrate Elba 150."

This ceremony will be hosted by the Celebrate Elba 150 committee and the Elba United Methodist Church, which also celebrates its 150th anniversary this year.

The festivities are set to begin at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 13, with the First Baptist Church Children's Handbell Choir followed by the recently organized community choir, and although plenty of special music will be provided by the choir, other special moments will also highlight the ceremony.

Former Coffee County Probate Judge Macon Brunson will provide a history of Elba, and Rev. John Baxter, pastor of Elba United Methodist Church, will serve as the event's speaker.

Also, a "Happy Birthday" poem will be offered by Wenzel Gray, and the event will conclude

with the singing of "Happy Birthday" to Elba and "God Bless America."

Celebrate Elba 150 has been designed to be a year long celebration of the city's rich history, and several events have been planned throughout the year to include an upcoming fun run, youth fishing tournament, sesquicentennial ball, a weekend festival, etc.

And, the highlight event will come in August when the "possum" George Jones visits Elba to deliver one of his memorable concerts at the beloved Foggy Bottom stadium.

According to committee members, other activities will be planned as the year continues, and Celebrate Elba 150 promises to be a celebration no one wants to miss.

Everyone is encouraged to gather around the square Sunday afternoon to help kickoff this special celebration in style and say happy birthday to Elba and one of its treasured landmarks, Elba United Methodist Church.

For more information, call the Elba Chamber of Commerce at 897-3125.

Celebrate... ELBA 150

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

We often marvel at the continuing drop of prices in the computer field. Recently a bit of information hit our desk that illustrates this fact, particularly to us Apple Mac users. In 1984, the absolute biggest Mac hard drive you could buy stored 5MB of information—enough to hold about five of today's (smaller) digital photographs. It cost \$2,500. Ten years later, 1.4GB hard drives were available—for \$4,500. Today, a 120GB drive for a Mac computer costs less than \$300. The down side is that we are constantly needing more computers and of course are continually told we must update all those we already have plugged up around the office. What we were able to easily do with three small free standing computers in 1988 is now done by six monsters, all hooked to a server, the internet and to each other. At the same time the printers have gotten bigger, both in memory and physical size. Yet there is no end in sight to this ever moving bugger bear.

April 15th is upon us. If you haven't yet settled with the tax man, let this be a reminder that your time is getting awful short. While on that subject, have you ever noticed that when we combine the words "THE" and "IRS" it reads THEIRS? How appropriate.... "How much did you make?" ... Send it to us."

We enjoy the little funnies above, but will never, ever join those who refuse to pay their taxes (if we have the money). In spite of the waste most everyone has seen in our government spending, the abuse is nothing compared to that in many other countries. It should also be noted that many of us Americans rant about the taxes we are paying, when actually it is our subtle way of bragging about how much money we made last year.

The war goes on in Iraq with American and British forces appearing to be making giant positive gains every day. Yet in spite of the amazing results, we continue to lose more American lives than any of us want to lose. We sigh with relief when one of the few casualties is not someone we know and then tuck our head, embarrassed as if our relief actually caused some other family or friend to be in tears. The big question as this is being written is "Did President Saddam Hussein die in the bombing raid aimed at him Monday afternoon?" Odds are... well actually we don't have the slightest clue. Listening to the Iraqi education minister on the tube, Baghdad is completely free of any American troops. Hopefully we have a bit more correct information than what he is spitting out every day.

The phone calls to our office started Tuesday as the rains continued. Seasoned flood survivors and newcomers alike are watching the rains, the river and the creeks. All want to know "Is it going to flood again?" We are of course optimistic, but have been wrong before. What we do is give our best opinion, actual river measurements in relationship to official flood levels, etc., and hope that reassures our caller. However, we also make it clear that they will never see, nor hear, us snicker if any of them packs up and moves out of takes whatever preventive measures they deem necessary to avoid potential flood losses.

A number of people have asked while others have just looked with a question on their face, but the American flag lapel with the yellow ribbon we are wearing in honor of our American troops was furnished by Mrs. Pat Powell. She has them at her store on the square in downtown Elba. Pat shares the concern of all, but especially for an Air Force son-in-law who is over there in the thick of things in this ongoing war.

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6 months - \$11
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EDITORIAL

DRUGS

Frazier Sasser, age 29, of New Brockton, and John Mark Herrington, age 30, of Geneva.

Both suspects were placed in the Coffee County Jail under a \$40,500 bond each.

On Friday, March 28, Elba officer Kevin Wise again made a traffic stop which led to the discovery of illegal drugs. This time Wise found over four pounds of marijuana being transported for apparent distribution in Coffee and Covington counties.

Lavonis Cantrell Edwards, age 28, of Opp, was arrested and charged with trafficking in marijuana. He was placed in the Coffee County Jail under a \$30,000 bond.

On Saturday, March 29, Elba officer Neal Bradley recovered over six pounds of marijuana following a routine traffic stop. Arrested and charged with trafficking in marijuana was James Mason Phillips, age 50, of Samson. He was placed in the Coffee County Jail under a \$30,000 bond.

Also, on March 29, Coffee County Sheriff's Deputy Lance Tindol conducted a routine traffic stop which led to the arrest of Brandon Wilson, age 32, of Brundidge, after illegal drugs were discovered.

Wilson was charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), unlawful possession of marijuana and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia. His 1995 Chevrolet truck was seized, and he was placed in the Coffee

County Jail under an \$11,500 bond.

On Monday, March 31, officers were following up on information concerning stolen property at the residence of Rex Dewayne Messick, located on Reese Ave. in Elba. Upon arriving at the home, officers discovered some of the stolen property lying beside the home. According to information, Messick arrived home while the officers were there, and a brief interview was conducted. Following the interview, Messick was found to be in possession of marijuana, methamphetamine and smoking devices, as well as the stolen property.

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Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, March 31, 2003, investigated the following incidents: one harassing communications, two thefts of property, one possession of a controlled substance, two possessions of marijuana, three possessions of drug paraphernalia, two domestic disputes, one minor in consumption, one resisting arrest, one carrying a pistol without a permit, one driving under the influence, one criminal mischief, and one harassment.

The following arrests were made: one for possession of a controlled substance, two for possession of marijuana, three for possession of drug paraphernalia, two for minor in consumption, one for resisting arrest, and one for driving under the influence.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: three for speeding, one for driving with no driver's license, four for no proof of insurance, eight for violation of the seat belt law, three for driving with a revoked driver's license, five for no insurance, two for running a stop sign, one for driving with a suspended driver's license and one for carrying a pistol without a permit.

Daily activity highlights for the

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- SOCIAL SECURITY - R.P. - Courtroom 4th Tues. 12:30-1:30. Call FREE 1-800-772-1213.
- ROTARY CLUB - Tuesday at Noon-First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.
- ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday 6 p.m.-City Hall.
- WATER & ELECTRIC - Tuesday following 2nd Monday 6 p.m. - City Hall.
- ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - Tues. - 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
- GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - every Monday 6:30 p.m.-Elba United Methodist Church center on side on W. Davis St.-Maggie Garrett Classroom.
- COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday Community Room in Fannin Center Complex New Brockton.
- LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center.
- ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thurs. - 5:30 p.m. - Supt. Office.
- AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Tuesday of every month 7:00 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.
- MASONIC LODGE 170 - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month 7 p.m. - 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School.
- VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri. 8-12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brockton @ Fannin Center Complex 894-5858.
- COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. - 7 p.m. Club House.
- COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon - Colony Inn, Enterprise.
- ELBA AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 2nd Thursday at noon, Driscoll Hanger at the Airport.
- AARP meets every 2nd Tuesday night of the month.
- ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - 1st & 3rd Monday 7 p.m. - Elba High School locker room.
- NEW SEASONS STUDY CLUB - Every 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m.

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CHURCH & AREA NEWS



PICTURED IS A PAINTING BY JOHN GOLDSTON who will exhibit at Piney Woods Arts Festival this year. His art is acrylic and oil on canvas. The Piney Woods Arts Festival is April 12 & 13 on the grounds of the Enterprise-Ozark Community College. It is located at the intersection of Boll Weevil Circle and Hwy 167 South. Enterprise Festival times are Saturday from 9:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Sunday from 12 Noon until 4 p.m.

Westside Baptist Church Men are sponsoring annual community Sunrise Service

Westside Baptist Church Men will sponsor the annual community Sunrise Service on April 20, 2003 at 6:30 a.m. Rev. Bobby Holladay, pastor of Westside, will bring the message. The

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Scripture: 2 John 1:1-13

***Thinking of you, praying for you: Lovie Hooks, Leo Henderson, Versie Barnes, The Wade and Kelley families, Marie Tithers, John E. Foltner, Alan Belcher, Ernest Elston, Julia Phillips, Rev. Charles Lane, Ella M. Brooks and Mary Elizabeth Holley.

***April Birthdays: Connie Banks - April 3, Miquel Banks - April 7, Marcus Kelley - April 10, Marla Riteaux - April 10, Donald Smith - April 10, Wesley Kelley - April 16 and Michael Manning - April 12.

Annual Choir Day of Oak Grove Baptist Church, Elba (Dunley's Cross Roads) will be April 13, 2003 at 2:30 p.m. Rev. Freddie Flowers will be the guest speaker.

***The Seventeenth Pastor's Anniversary for Rev. John M. Bryant will be held at Friendship Baptist Church in Glenwood, Ala. on April 27, 2003 at 2:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Rev. W.L. Peterson.

Lean on Me

Lean on Me, Jesus the Master

I want you to be my child.

Remember, I'll take care of you.

What ever trouble

Believe in Me, trust in Me,

I'll walk by your side.

Lay your head on my shoulder.

I'll hold you tight.

Your burdens will get heavy.

Your hills will be hard to climb.

So on this Christian journey,

Keep Jesus on your mind.

Temptations will come before you.

There will be stones you cannot see.

I'm the way, the Truth and the Life.

Lean on me.

By: Era Landsey Belcher

Winzell Gray

The Winzell Gray of Elba is known as a young leader in the community. He graduated from Elba High School and attended I.B. Wallace College in Andalusia, Ala. He spent 22 years in the Alabama National Guard and retired as a Staff Sgt. He is in his 25th year with the Department of Defense Army Branch. Mr. Gray owns and manages a carpet cleaning service which includes house cleaning as an added service. After his enlistment in the U.S. Army, he was stationed in Ft. Polk, La.; Ft. Gordon, Ga.; and Germany. While at Ft. Gordon he graduated from the Signal School in the National Guard. He was in the National Guard for 22 years. Various Leadership and Retention Schools, Ronnie Hammonds of Hammond's Body Shop in Elba recruited Gray to enlist in the Guard in 1975. As a member of the Elba City Council (1996-2000) he was on the Governor's Task Force for the Leave. After his retirement from D.O.D. his plan is to be in politics in some capacity. Winzell said, "One of my proudest moments was when some young people in the community gave Christmas gifts last Christmas to senior citizens and along with every citizen in Kennedy Estates pointed out the Mayor and City Council about the paving of streets." Winzell is the son of James (Rusty) Gray of Elba and the late Lucille Delacy Gray. He is the grandson of the late Rev. D.W. Gray and Equilla Gray and the late George Delacy and Cassie Delacy. He has three daughters: Andrea Gray, Crystal Carpenter Nelson and Antica C. Dunn. Three grandchildren: Ashton, Lillian and Peyton Nelson. Winzell is to write the poem for the Elba 150th Celebration.

Y.W.C.C. of Harris Temple to host prayer breakfast

The Young Women's Christian Council (Y.W.C.C.) of Harris Temple Church of God in Christ will host its first quarterly Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, April 12, 2003, at 9:00 a.m. If a loved one has been deployed mail in their name to be included on the prayer request list. Harris Temple is located at 723 Adams Street in Elba. Everyone is invited to attend.

ElBethel Baptist Church to present "The Last Living Supper"

ElBethel Baptist Church, located on Hwy. 27 in Chancelor, will be presenting "The Last Living Supper," a living last supper presentation which depicts the last supper that Jesus shared with his chosen disciples. Attendees can listen as each one of the disciples tries to determine who will betray Jesus and if they might be the one.

Hebron Baptist Church to host Canaan Land Quartet at Gospel Singing

Hebron Baptist Church will hold a gospel singing on Saturday, April 12, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. The featured group will be the Canaan Land Quartet of Clanton, Ala. The church is located near the Pike and Coffee County line on Highway 87.

The Coffee County Democratic Conference to meet

The Coffee County Democratic Conference will meet Saturday, April 12, at 7:00 p.m. at Saint Beulah Baptist Church fellowship hall. All members and other interested parties are asked to attend. The Second Congressional District of the Alabama Democratic Conference will meet Saturday, April 12, at the Two Rivers Restaurant (next to Wal-Mart) in Geneva, Ala. at 10:00 a.m. Ron Sparks, the Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries, will be the speaker at the luncheon.

Stampfest II Show planned for Saturday, April 26

The Panhandle Society will host "STAMPFEST II". The second of four shows in 2003 on April 26. The show will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 205 Carol Ave. (next to Home Depot) Ft. Walton Beach, Fla. Show hours will be 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission and parking are free, and no charge.

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Coffee County Schools to hold Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration to be held Monday, April 28, 2003 at Zion Chapel Elementary School - Principal, Bob Andrews - 897-6802. Tuesday, April 29, 2003 at New Brockton Elementary School - Principal, Dr. Irma Townsend-894-6152. Wednesday, April 30, 2003 at Kinston Elementary School Principal, Mark Coale-565-3027. Registration will take place between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. In order to enter kindergarten a child must be 5 or before September 2, 2003.

Children must attend registration to participate in the vision, hearing, and speech screening. Bring to registration an original of the following: birth certificate, social security card, immunization record and proof of residency. If assistance is needed in obtaining an immunization record the Coffee County Health Department will hold an Immunization Clinic the first and third Tuesdays of each month. For additional information call the Health Department at 347-9574.



Pamela (Wambles) Anderson & Stephen Berry

Anderson-Berry wedding planned for June 28

Mr. and Mrs. Coley Wambles and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Robertson all of Jack, Ala. announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Pamela (Wambles) Anderson to Stephen Wayne Berry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stokes of Jack, Ala.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mrs. Inez and the late Sammie Wambles of Jack, Ala.; Mrs. Leola and the late Grover Harrelson of Jack, Ala.

She attended Zion Chapel High School and is currently employed in Enterprise, Ala.

The future groom is the grandson of Mrs. Romona and the late Boyd Berry of Troy, Ala. He is a 1999 graduate of Zion Chapel High School. He is currently employed in Daleville, Ala.

The wedding will be an event of June 28, 2003 at 6:30 in the evening at Jack Assembly of God. A reception will follow in the Chapel High Hall. All friends and family are invited to attend.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Republican Women of Coffee County will be meeting at Po

Folk's Restaurant, 650 Boll Weevil Circle on Wednesday, April 16th at 11:30 a.m. for their luncheon meeting. Coffee County Commissioner Tom Grimley will be speaking. The menu will be Grilled Chicken Salad with Bread Stick and Drink for \$7.00 inclusive. The public is invited. For reservations call Fay McCray at 393-0471.

At the age of five, Rachel won "Miss Kindergarten" at Luveme Christian Academy.

Pine Level School Reunion to be held

Pine Level School Reunion 2003 will be held at the Pine Level Senior Citizen Center (on the old school site) on April 26, 10 a.m. until

those attending are asked to bring a covered dish. For more information call Todd Boland at 334/897-5889.

Michael Chance McKee

Todd and Aaron McKee of Coffee Springs, Ala. announce the birth of their son, Michael Chance McKee. He was born January 31, 2003 at Medical Center Enterprise. He weighed 6 lb. 13 oz.

Grandparents are Mike and Melissa McKee of Elba, David and Jane Mosley of Enterprise, Rich and Christy Dewey of Coffee Springs, and Bruce Arnold of Chancelor.

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APRIL 11-17

I-ANGER MANAGEMENT (PG-13)

M-F 7 & 9:15 - SAS 2, 7 & 9:15

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II - BRINGING DOWN THE HOUSE (PG-13)

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Weighted Center

III - THE CORE (PG-13)

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IV - WHAT A GIL WANTS (PG)

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I - A MAN APART (R)

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PIGLET'S BIG MOVIE (G)

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Miss Machicote & Mr. Davis announce May wedding plans

Lisa I. Machicote of Jack, Ala. and Christopher W. Davis of Dothan, Ala. announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage. The couple will be married on May 23, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. at the Taylor Assembly of God Church in Taylor, Ala.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Carlos and Wanda G. Machicote of Elba. She is the granddaughter of the late JD and Pearl Farris of Elba and the late Carlos Machicote and Carmen Machicote of Bryson, Tenn. She is a 1988 graduate of Elba High School, Elba, Ala. and a 1992 graduate of Troy State University, Troy, Ala. She is currently employed as a Medicaid Eligibility Specialist.

The future groom is the son of Robert and Gayle Davis of Dothan, Ala. He is the grandson of Ethel Davis and the late Clifford C. "Doc" Davis, and the late John Wesley and Nell Simmons all of Dothan, Ala. Mr. Davis is a 1989 graduate of Rehoboth High School and a former Marine. He is currently employed by the City of Dothan.

All family and friends are invited to attend.



Lisa Machicote & Christopher Davis

Lexy Rugg is two years old

Lexy Rugg, daughter of Richie and Amy Rugg, of the Zion Chapel Community celebrated her second birthday on March 11, 2003. She was honored with a Sesame Street Theme birthday party, with all of her family. She has a big sister Whitney.

She is the granddaughter of David and Joni White of Elba and Barbara Rugg of Elba. Great-grandparents are Roy and Lila White of Elba, James Skinner and the late Agatha Skinner of Elba, and Dorothy Whitehead of Enterprise.



Lexy Rugg

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SCHOOLS

Best friends (A reminder to the seniors)

by Jessica Lauren Hathcock

While you are in high school, your friends are your world. You share all of your good times, your bad times, and your crazy mixed up times with them. You never realize that as your high school years fade away that soon you will be leaving these people behind while you go off to bigger and better places.

These are the people who held you when you cried and who laughed at your jokes even if they weren't really that funny (just so that you wouldn't feel bad). Everyone knows about the kind of person that I am talking about. Someone you could never imagine living without.

A friend is someone who knows that you are not perfect and that you will never be, but in your (or their) wildest dreams, but yet for some unknown reason they love you just the same.

Seniors, if there is one thing that I want you to remember as this year unfolds and slowly begins to disappear it is this: Every day you come to this school (that you don't want to come to) stop and take a look at

the people around you. These people have been in your life for the past 13 years. They have seen you grow up as you have watched them grow up. They held your hand at your grandmother's funeral. They danced and then cried with you when you received your first college scholarship. I want you to stop and realize that after you graduate, no matter how good of friends you are, you may never see some of these people again. Spend each moment together as if it is your last because time grows short, and you will want to remember these times while you can because one day you will look back and realize, "I never told Suzy how much she really meant to me."

So please hug your friends, tell them that you love them, and have memories to cherish with you all of your life. Then one day when you are old and have kids and grandkids of your own, you can tell them about all of the people you loved in high school and how much fun you once had with them. So please never take your friends for granted because one day you will regret it deeply.

Best Friends

By: Jessica Lauren Hathcock

(For a Very Special friend of mine)

We started out in seventh grade. A quiet little boy who was always in the way. He lived in a world all his own. Quiet and Peaceful. Always alone.

Talking to pencils, scribbling on paper. None talked to him. No one said a word. Scared of who he was or what they had heard. Except for a girl who wondered about. This little boy with the sad blue eyes. Wanting to know why he was so shy. Trying to peek at drawings of his. Thinking them weird and somewhat unreal. Picking and Nudging and Poking his back. Making him turn and have to talk back. Making him laugh. Making him play. Bringing a little happiness into his day.

Now we're the Best of friends. Listening to music, Talking about life. Laughing and Joking. Or just kicking it back. I don't know what I would do without him in my life. But who would have thought. That now we would be Friends today and We always will be.

Accelerated Reader

by Kimberly Farris

Recently Sharika Pruitt from Elba Elementary School reached the 200 Point Club of the Accelerated Reader Program at the EES Library.

Sharika is the first student to read enough books to get 200 points this year and Elba City Schools is very proud to have such a fine student.

Congratulations Sharika!



Tiger Tales

Editor:
Sheena Flowers

Elba High School Mission Statement:

The mission of Elba High School is to provide a safe learning environment and a diverse curriculum to meet the needs of all students with emphasis on providing opportunities to become confident, self-directed, life-long learners.

Co-Op Spotlight

by Shawna Hill

17-year-old Tyler Norris, a junior of Elba High, has been selected for the Co-Op Spotlight.

Tyler is employed as a cook at the 2020 Cafe and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Norris. His hobbies consist of playing his Playstation, bass guitar and enjoying a game of Cricket.

Even though he hasn't thought of his future plans, I'm pretty sure that he will become successful.

Congrats to Tyler Norris, a very hard working student!



Tyler Norris

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Meet Miss Elba...Anna Anderson

by Blake Brunson

On March 15, Anna Marie Anderson's dream came true when she was crowned the 2003 Miss Elba.

Anna is a junior at Elba High School and is the 17-year-old daughter of Kim and Angie Anderson. She is a varsity cheerleader, student council representative, a member of VICA and Girl Scout Troop #300. Anna is currently employed at Dorsey Trailers.

"It has always been my dream to be the next Miss Elba," says Anna.

On the night of the pageant, Anna was privileged to meet Miss Alabama, Charlotte Dupree, and is excited about all of the town events, parades and ribbon cuttings she will get to participate in.

As Miss Elba, Anna will also have the opportunity to represent her hometown in the Miss National Peanut Pageant in October. Anna is looking forward to meeting new people.



Miss Elba Anna Anderson

making lasting memories and having the time of her life! "This is truly an honor to me to have the opportunity to represent the City of Elba during my reign as the 2003 Miss Elba," said Anna. "I have been waiting for this moment forever, and I can finally say that my #1 wish has come true. Congratulations to you Anna!"

E.E.S. News

by Brittany Cooper

**** EES Held "Aerospace Week"...** During the week of March 10-14, the Kindergarten class participated in "Aerospace Week". They learned about the Sun, the nine planets, the Moon, and people who walked on the moon, and aliens. We talked to several students to see what they remember and what they liked.

Emilee Hudson: "I liked it when we drew aliens!"

Ebony Craighead: "I liked it when we made the moon and

the aliens. I also liked it when they talked about the people who walked on the moon."

Tori Span: "I liked it when we decorated the aliens!"

**** EES Faculty Held a Basketball Game...** In more recent news, on April 1st the EES faculty participated in a basketball game. The game was to kick off the SAT, which started April 2, and helps the students to relax and have a little fun beforehand.



PICTURE OF THE WEEK...If I eat all my "vegetables," I will grow big and strong.

Thoughts for the Week....

God gave us two ends, one to sit on and one to think with. Success depends on which one you use. Heads you win, tails you lose.

Procrastination is the thief of time. - Edward Young

A little of what you fancy does you good. - Marie Lloyd

What we hope ever to do with ease, we must first learn to do with diligence. - Samuel Johnson

To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of friends; to appreciate beauty, to find the best in others; to leave the world a little bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded. - Ralph Waldo Emerson

Submitted by
Mary Katherine Head

In sixteenth century France, the start of the new year was observed on April first. It was celebrated in much the same way as it is today with parties and dancing into the late hours of the night. Then in 1562, Pope Gregory introduced a new calendar for the Christian world, and the new year fell on January first. There were some people, however, who hadn't heard or didn't believe the change in the date, so they continued to celebrate New Year's Day on April first. Others followed the trick, if the innocent victim falls for the prankster yells, "April fools!"

The "fools' errands" we play on people are practical jokes. Putting salt in the sugar bowl for the next person is not a nice trick to play on a stranger. College students set their clocks

an hour behind, so their roommates show up to the wrong class - or not at all. Some practical jokes are kept up the whole day before the victim realizes what day it is. Most April Fool's jokes are in good fun and not meant to harm anyone. The most clever April Fool joke is the one where everyone laughs especially the person upon whom the joke is played.

"The first of April is the day we remember what we are the other 364 days of the year." - American humorist Mark Twain

Truck driver training class planned at Opp campus of LBW

Lurleen B. Wallace Community College MacArthur Campus in Opp is now accepting applications for the Truck Driver Training class scheduled to begin on Monday, April 14, 2003.

Applicants in the Truck Driver Training Program must be age 23 or older. A physical and drug screen are required to enroll. Upon successful completion of the six-week training course, applicants will be eligible to qualify for a Class A CDL. Job Placement is available to those applicants who obtain a Class A CDL.

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SCHOOL NEWS

FROM THE COCKPIT

New Brockton School News
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Students of the Month



John Sawyer - John is in the ninth grade at NBHS. He is the son of Joe and Cathy Sawyer of New Brockton. John is a member of FFA, SGA, Jr. Beta, the JV Football and Baseball teams, the Gamecock Pride Marching Band, and is involved in the Spring Musical.

Renita Lawson - Renita is a senior at NBHS. She is the daughter of Jamie Lawson and Rick Cole. Her guardian is Angela Head. She is a member of the Beta Club, and she is President of the Network Club. She was a member of the NBHS Lady Gamecock Basketball and Volleyball teams for six years and softball for four years.



by Erica Locklin

N.B.E.S. students have been racing to get more Accelerated Reader points. Accelerated Reader is a program in which students read books and take a test on them on the computer. The points are varied on the difficulty of the books. N.B.E.S. has had Accelerated Reader for many years and continues to add books and tests to its collection. Pictured above are the top readers in each class: (sitting, front) Kaley Moore; (sitting, left to right) Steven Smith, Amber Barnett and Alexis Hall; (standing, left to right) Cassidy Moore and Jessica Parrish.

FFA District Officer

by John Sawyer

On Tuesday April 1, interviews were held in McKenzie, Alabama for the new candidates for FFA District Officers. The student representing the New Brockton FFA was its treasurer, John Sawyer.

There were eight people going out for district offices, six were selected. John received the office of secretary for the Southeast District of Alabama FFA.

He will attend a conference on June 27 of this year to prepare himself for his up and coming term. The District Officer Program is to prep the student for the State Officer Program.

The student is given a basic interview from four judges who are Chapter advisors from around the area. They are asked a



John Sawyer

series of questions ranging from what the FFA means to you to how would you relate a set of keys to the FFA. This is a job that is supposed to be taken seriously.

Coffee County Schools Menu April 14 - 18, 2003

BREAKFAST

Monday - Sausage & Gravy, Biscuit, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Tuesday - Pancake Pops, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Wednesday - Cheese Grits, Toast, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Thursday - Pop Tart, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Friday - Good Friday - Holiday

LUNCH

Monday - Baked Ham, Ham, Turnips, Yams, Fruit, Corn Bread, Milk
Tuesday - Turkey Stir Fry, Steak Sandwich, Breaded Squash, June Peas, Fruit, Rolls, Rice, Milk
Wednesday - Pepperoni Pizza, Sausage Dog, Corn on Cobs, Green Salad, Ico Cream Cup, Fruit, Milk
Thursday - Grilled Chicken Sandwich, Corn Dog, Cole Slaw, Broccoli, Fruit, Milk
Friday - Good Friday - Holiday

Gamecocks support the troops

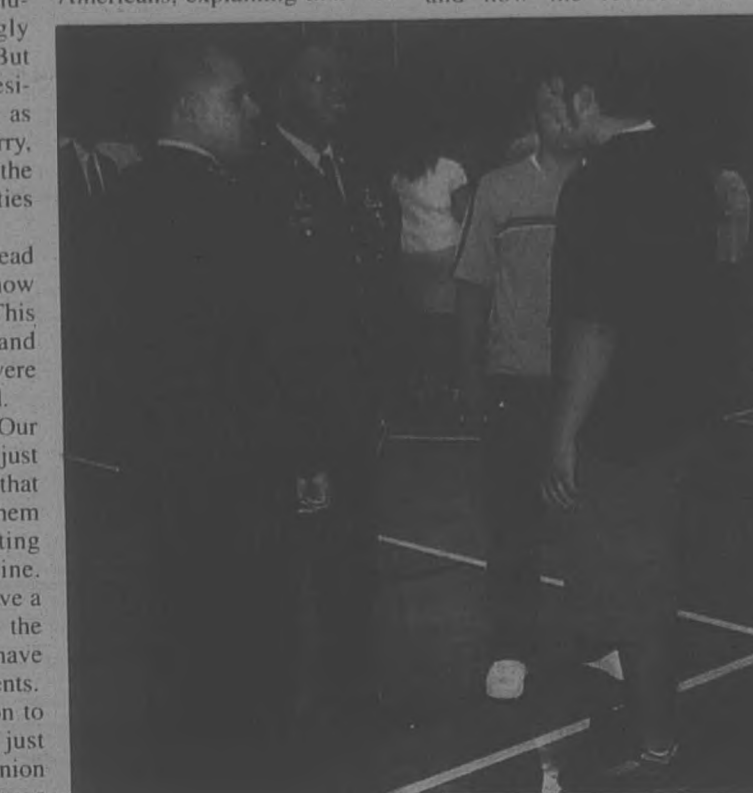
On Friday, April 4, New Brockton High School participated in the "Gamecocks Support Our Troops" rally. The faculty, student body, community and local military were all present during what can only be described as an hour-long inspirational salute to our country's armed forces.

The rally began with the national anthem sung by senior Wendy Heaslip and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Megan Holloway. The assistant principal and coordinator of the rally, Mr. Tom Mouton, gave the invocation, and Jonathan Bryant, a member of the Gamecock Marching Band, played a flawless and emotional Taps, where everyone remembered the fallen, injured, and captured heroes. Katy Roberts sang God Bless America and Mr. Joseph Sawyer Jr. then spoke about Americans, explaining that in a



Those in attendance, including a special group of military and family members of those deployed, all stood silently as the Gamecock band played "God Bless the U.S.A."

Pakistani newspaper last week there was a reward offered to anyone who killed any American. Mr. Sawyer went on to explain what an American is and how the rescued POW



Some N.B.H.S. students took the opportunity Friday to thank members of the military for their willingness to serve our country regardless of the circumstances.

Jessica Lynch exemplified that same American spirit, describing her bravery and the injuries she received because of it. Everyone then tuned in to a slide show of still pictures from 9-11 and of our current soldiers in Iraq. The slide show was played to the song *Have You Forgotten?* and also stirred up many emotional, powerful feelings. John Sawyer and Megan Holloway, both members of the SGA then read a "Roll of Honor", a list of local deployed men and women.

The purpose of this rally was to demonstrate the support and gratitude that New Brockton High School has for our troops. Not only was this support exemplified during this rally, but also the many heartfelt emotions stirred up by the music, images, words, and prayers inspired those in attendance to always appreciate the privilege of being an American.

God Bless our troops and the USA!

SUPPORT
OUR YOUTH
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Youth baseball underway

by Brandon Lee
and Hayden Smith

New Brockton has two Dixie Youth baseball teams. The ages of the Dixie Youth boys are 11-12. The team names are the NB Gray and NB Red. The coaches of the NB Gray are Maxie Whittaker, Wayne Hendrix and Danny Stephenson. The NB Red coaches are Kevin Smith and Bryan Pearson.

The season will open up during the week of April 7, 2003 and

continue until the middle of June.

The opening game will be held in New Brockton when the NB Red will be playing their rivals the NB Gray. Teams in the league represent Elba, Samson, Kinston, Zion Chapel and New Brockton.

Mrs. Cathy Sawyer, New Brockton recreation department volunteer, says, "We all need to remember that playing baseball should be fun and a learning experience for the children."

Good luck to all the teams and players.

Miss New Brockton 2003 crowned

by Lori Wade

On Saturday, March 22, the Miss New Brockton pageant was held. The night was filled with beautiful girls and the crowning of a new Miss New Brockton.

Haley Wise was chosen as 2003-2004 Miss New Brockton. Her court consisted of first and second runner up.

First runner up was Chelsea Hollis and second runner up was Megan Holloway.

This is not the first time that Haley has won a New Brockton title. She was Little Miss New

Brockton back when she was in first grade. She was also second runner up in the Jr. Miss New Brockton pageant.

Haley is now a senior at New Brockton High School. Chelsea and Megan are both juniors. Congratulations girls!

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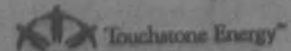
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SPORTS

Views from....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

I don't know about the rest of you, but at my age it is a lot easier to "fall back" than it is to "spring forward." The time change last weekend to daylight savings may have taken effect in the middle of the night, but it was the next morning when it hit me and a lot of other people all across the nation. I went to bed an hour early Saturday night just to try and not lose an hour's sleep. However, there was no doubt Sunday morning that the time clock in my mind and body had somehow lost at least one hour of rest. I guess now we can all look forward to long days and short nights. Whew!

SWINGS AND MISSES ...

*** The Elba Tigers posted one win and one loss last week to see their record move to 6-4 on the season. The win was an easy 12-1 romp past Abbeville that locked up a state playoff berth for the Tigers, while the loss was a 10-3 setback to Opp in a game in which the Tigers scored three runs in the bottom of the first and then never scored again. Elba has enough pitching to hang tough against any opponent on its schedule and can hit the baseball as well as most teams they play, but as was evident in the loss to Opp, the Tigers aren't good enough to beat people when they make errors that lead to easy runs for their opponents. If the Tigers will keep their heads and play to win every time they hit the field they can still pile up a bunch more wins. If not, every game will be a challenge.

*** The Elba Lady Tigers upped their record to 12-2 last week with wins over Straughn 8-7 and Geneva County 8-2, but the Elba girls were less than impressive in both wins and could have easily dropped both contests. The Lady Tigers committed nine errors in the win over Straughn and if an infield pop-up had been caught in the bottom of the seventh they would have lost, while in the win over Geneva County Elba was shut-out for six innings and needed seven seventh inning walks to help it claim the win. The season is now heading into the home stretch for the Lady Tigers and it is past time for the girls to step up and begin to play their best ball. So far that hasn't happened.

*** The Kinston Bulldogs and New Brockton Gamecocks stayed alive in their hunt for state playoff berths last week with key area wins. The Bulldogs improved their area record to 2-2 with a 3-2 upset win over Florida and can wrap up a spot in post-season play with wins over Brantley and Florala in the coming weeks. The Gamecocks improved to 7-0 overall and 1-2 in area play with a 12-5 win over Samson, and after an 0-4 start the Gamecocks are on a tear. The Gamecocks have three area games remaining, and need wins in all three to lock up a playoff berth. It won't be easy, but New Brockton is now on a roll and looking forward to playing baseball.

*** The unexpected resignation of Dothan High football coach Jimmy Addison last week left openings for head football coaches at both of Dothan's 6A high schools. Coach Mike Duhose had left Northview weeks ago to move over to Luverne, and now that Addison has stepped down it looks like changes are ahead for the football programs in Dothan. It has been years since the football programs at the Dothan schools have been near the top in the 6A ranks, and maybe the changes were needed to help turn things around. Only time will tell, but the key will be to find the right coach for the right job. One thing is certain, it won't be an easy fix at either school.

*** Former Elba Tiger basketball standout Tim Ware just wrapped up his junior year at Lindsey Wilson College, an NCAA college in Kentucky, and the 6-6 forward had another outstanding season. Ware helped lead his team to a 24-11 record and overcame an injury to start in 23 of the games. He averaged 11.9 points and 3.7 rebounds per game, while connecting on 49 percent of his shots from the floor, 36 percent from behind the three-point line and 62 percent from the free-throw line. Ware was third on the team in scoring, fifth in rebounding, fourth in assists and tied for first in blocked shots. Not a bad season for the Elba standout.

*** The Alabama High School Athletic Association's Central Board met recently and passed two of 15 proposals submitted by member schools. One change was to allow high schools to compete in a spring jamboree and a preseason jamboree in football, while the other change was simply a change in the wording of a rule concerning eligibility. One change that also was adopted was an approval for teams in region tournaments to receive \$400 per game and \$4 per mile travel, one way. Proposals denied included a request to allow chiropractors to perform physicals for high school athletes, a request to allow schools to use two officials in high school basketball, and a request to change the region competition schedule for 6A schools.

*** In closing, I told a friend last week that I was pulling for Kansas and Syracuse to make it to the finals in the NCAA tournament since both coaches had been to numerous final fours but never won a national championship. Once the tournament ends it will be interesting to see if Coach Roy Williams stays at Kansas or heads over to North Carolina. It seems like a no-brainer to me - why go to Carolina when you have it made.

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Climb 3A playoff berth with area win

Tigers swat Yellow Jackets 12-1

The Elba Tigers scored in every inning to roll past the Abbeville Yellow Jackets 12-1, last Tuesday afternoon in Elba.

The win upped the Tigers record to 6-3, 2-0 in area competition, and locked up a spot in the state playoffs.

Elba jumped out to a quick 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning when Kyle English singled and then circled the bases on a steal and two fly balls' choices, while the Tigers added two runs in the second to up their advantage to 3-0. Elba took advantage of a hit batter and a walk to put runners on base in the second, with the only hit being a two-run triple by Brandon Petty.

Consecutive hits by Jason Curran, Marcus Henderson and Ralston Moore helped the Tigers up their lead to 4-0 in the third, while a two-out single by Ryan Gibbs drove in Moore and pushed the Elba lead to 5-0.

A lead-off single by Blake Lambert ignited an Elba uprising in the bottom of the fourth that resulted in seven runs and gave the Tigers a big 12-0 lead! Kyle English and Jason Curran added singles early in the inning, while Ralston Moore, Rick Smith and Blake



Elba Tiger first baseman Rick Smith tags the base after taking a short toss from Marcus Henderson in the Tigers' 12-1 area win over Abbeville. The Tigers will host Samson Friday at 5:00 looking to improve on their record.

Lambert all added doubles as the Tigers blew the game open and put the key area win on ice.

Kyle English, Ralston Moore and Blake Lambert all had 2 hits

and scored 2 runs to lead Elba at the plate, while Jason Curran added 2 hits and scored 1 run.

Marcus Henderson got the win on the mound as he allowed one

run on 4 hits and 3 walks, while striking out 7 batters.

Elba falls to Bobcats 10-3

The Elba Tigers threw an early scare into the Opp Bobcats on Thursday afternoon and hung close for five innings before seeing the Bobcats break loose late to hand the Tigers a 10-3 setback, in Elba.

Opp scored one run on three hits in the opening inning to grab a quick 1-0 lead, but the Tigers were also ready to light up their side of the scoreboard and used walks to Brandon Petty and Jason Curran and a long three-run homer by Marcus Henderson to jump ahead 3-1 in the bottom of the inning.

The Bobcats played long ball in their half of the third to regain the lead at 4-3. However, both pitchers remained in control for the next two innings and after five innings of play the Bobcats were still clinging to their narrow 4-3 advantage.

Golf tourney at Ft. Rucker April 25 to benefit ASMC scholarship fund

The Wiregrass Chapter, ASMC invites interested golfers to participate in its second annual Scholarship and Community Services Golf Tournament. The tournament will be a four-person scramble and will be held on April 25, 2003 at the Silver Wings Golf Course, Fort Rucker, AL. Lunch will be served before a 12:30 p.m. shotgun golf start.

Entry fee is \$35.00 per player, which includes golf cart, green fees and lunch. Two mulligans can be purchased for an additional \$5.00. Players who sign up by April 20th will receive one free mulligan. Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams

Clayhatchee to host softball tourney

There will be a Men's Class C and below softball tournament at the Clayhatchee Park on Saturday, April 19. Entry fee is \$100 per team and each team must provide its own softballs.

Ten Star Camp is taking applications

Final applications are now being evaluated for the "Ten Star All-Star Summer Basketball Camps." The camps are by invitation only and are for boys and girls ages 10-19. Former participants include Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan, Vince Carter, Jerry Stackhouse, Grant Hill and

A five home-run rule will be used, and the deadline to enter is April 17 at 6:00 PM. To enter call Tony Thomas (503-9624) or Jim (598-8804).

Antawn Jamison. Players from 50 states and 8 foreign countries attended the 2002 camps, and scholarships are available as college coaches and scouts will be in attendance.

Area camps are set for Atlanta, GA.; Hickory, N.C.; and Lebanon, TN. For a free brochure call (704) 373-0873.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Timothy Blue dba Stop Game Room, have made application to the City of Elba for a 050-Retail Beer License off premises consumption at this location, 1306 Martin L. King Drive, Elba, Alabama.

A public hearing will be held by the City Council in their regular meeting in the Council Chamber in City Hall at 5:30 p.m., Monday, April 14, 2003.

High School *** Baseball *** Softball *** SCHEDULES

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

(Softball)
Opp at Elba (4:00)
Florala at Zion Chapel JV-V (4:00)

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

(Baseball)
Samson at Elba (5:00)
Kinston at Goshen (3:30)

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

(Softball)
Pleasant Home Tournament

MONDAY, APRIL 14

(Baseball)
Geneva County at Elba (5:00)
Kinston at Florala (5:00)
(Softball)
Kinston at Elba (4:00)
Zion Chapel at New Brockton (4:00)

TUESDAY, APRIL 15

(Baseball)
Straughn at Elba (4:30)
Kinston at New Brockton (5:00)
(Softball)
Zion Chapel at Elba (4:00)
Florala at Kinston JV-V (4:30)

"3 on 3" basketball tournament set for Ino Baptist Church on April 26

A "3 on 3" basketball tournament will be held at the Ino Baptist Church Family Life Center on Saturday, April 26, beginning at 9:00 AM. The cost to enter is \$65 per team, with each team being limited to a four-man roster. Trophies and a \$30 gift certificate to Hibbert's Sporting Goods will be presented to the winning team, with trophies going to the second place team. The registration deadline is April 25 at 12:00 (noon), and to register a team call Bro. John Freeman at 565-3970 or 565-3283.

The tournament is being sponsored by the Ino Youth Ministry and all proceeds will help send the youth to the Centrifuge Camp.

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SPORTS

Lady Tigers slip past Straughn 8-7

The Elba Lady Tigers staged a fifth inning rally to get back in the game and then scored two runs with two outs in the bottom of the seventh to post an exciting 8-7 win over Straughn, last Tuesday afternoon in Elba.

Straughn combined one hit with one walk and three Elba errors to grab a 4-0 lead in the top of the first, then used three more Elba errors in the fourth inning to plate two runs and take a big 6-1 advantage.

Devri Kilcrease walked and later scored on a Straughn error to cut the lead to 6-2 in the bottom of the fourth, while the Lady Tigers combined three hits with two walks to plate four runs in the bottom of the fifth to pull even at 6-6.

A lead-off walk to Hannah Martin ignited the Elba rally in the fifth, while back-to-back singles by Lacy Carlile and Michelle Carpenter scored Martin and a double by Samantha Williams drove in both Carlile and Carpenter to pull Elba within 6-5. Williams later scored on a fielder's choice to climax the four-run inning that enabled Elba to erase the large deficit and catch Straughn at 6-6.

Straughn took advantage of two walks and one error to regain the lead at 7-6 in the top of the sixth inning, and carried the slim lead into the bottom of the seventh. A lead-off hit single by Lacy Carlile and a one-out walk to Samantha Williams

gave the Lady Tigers hopes for a late rally. However, it took a bit of luck for Elba to keep those hopes alive, as with two outs an infield pop-up fell to the ground for a single, and Danae Ware then ripped a two-run single up the middle to give Elba the wild 8-7 win.

Samantha Williams had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and knocked in 3 runs to lead Elba at the plate, while Lacy Carlile added 2 hits and scored 2 runs. Stephanie Baxley was the winning pitcher as she pitched seven innings and allowed six runs, no earned runs, on one hit and six walks, while striking out 10 batters.

Seventh inning rally lifts Elba past Lady Dogs 8-2

The Elba Lady Tigers emptied for eight runs in the top of the seventh inning to rally past the Geneva County Lady Bulldogs 8-2, Thursday afternoon in Hartford.

The win upped Elba's record to 12-2, while Geneva County slipped to 3-9 with the loss.

Elba managed only two hits over the opening six innings, a double by Michelle Carpenter in the third and a single by Kristen Barnes in the fourth, but still had numerous chances to score as the Lady Tigers also received seven walks. The Lady Tigers stranded all nine base runners:

however, and trailed 1-0 heading into their final at-bat of the afternoon.

A lead-off walk to Lacy Carlile quickly put the tying run on base for Elba in the top of the seventh, while a single by Michelle Carpenter and a walk to Samantha Williams loaded the bases with no outs. Devri Kilcrease followed with an RBI single to tie the game at 1-1, but Carpenter was then forced out at third on a fielder's choice, and when the next batter popped up to the short-stop, the Lady Tigers were still tied at 1-1 with two outs.

The Lady Tigers were looking for two-out hit to take the lead, but didn't need it, as the next four Lady Tiger batters walked to the plate and then walked to first base as four straight walks forced in four runs and gave Elba a 5-1 advantage. A two-run single by Samantha Williams and yet another walk resulted in three additional runs, and the Lady Tigers easily held on in the bottom of the seventh to escape with the 8-2 win.

Michelle Carpenter got 2 hits to lead Elba at the plate, while Samantha Williams added 1 hit and 2 RBI's and Lacy Carlile scored 2 runs. The Lady Tigers managed only 5 hits in the win, but took advantage of 14 walks to claim the win. Stephanie Baxley got the win on the pitching rubber as she allowed 2 runs, one earned run, on 2 hits and 2 walks, while striking out 12 batters.

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DIXIE MINOR & DIXIE YOUTH BASEBALL

Thursday, April 10
In Elba:

6:00 - Braves vs. ZC Red

7:30 - Cardinals vs. Blue Jays

In Zion Chapel:

6:00 - ZC Red vs. NB Gray

7:30 - ZC Black vs. NB Red

Friday, April 11

In Elba:

6:00 - NB vs. ZC Black

7:30 - Pirates vs. NB Red

Monday, April 14

In Elba:

6:00 - Blue Jays vs. Kinston 1

7:30 - Pirates vs. ZC Red

In Samson:

6:00 - S. Yankees vs. S. Braves

7:30 - S. D'Backs vs. S. Cubs

Tuesday, April 15

In Elba:

6:00 - Braves vs. Kinston

7:30 - Cardinals vs. Kinston 2

In Zion Chapel:

6:00 - ZC Red vs. Reds

7:30 - ZC Black vs. NB Gray

MACHINE PITCH BASEBALL

(All games at H-W Park, Field #1)

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MACHINE PITCH BASEBALL

(All games at H-W Park, Field #1)

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

In Elba (H-W Park, Field #2)

6:00 - Bees vs. Lil Slammers

7:30 - River Bats vs. Lady Wildcats

Tuesday, April 15

In Elba (H-W Park, Field #2)

6:00 - Bees vs. New Brockton

7:30 - Red Wings vs. ZC 2

In Zion Chapel



Elba Lady Tiger Lacy Carlile lays down a bunt in a recent win. The Lady Tigers began a seven-game home stand this week and will look to improve on their lofty state ranking with home field wins.

By Birmingham News

Elba Lady Tigers ranked 4th in state

The Birmingham News has released its high school softball standings for the week ending April 2 and ranked fourth in the Class 1A-3A poll are the Elba Lady Tigers.

The Lady Tigers were ranked third in the initial poll of the season after rolling to eight straight wins, but slid one notch to fourth after suffering two losses in a tournament in Troy.

Following are the state standings:

CLASS 1A-3A
1. Pisgah (16-4), 2. Alabama Christian (11-6-2), 3. Waterloo (12-2), 4. Elba (11-2), 5. Sylvania (9-5), 6. Lynn (25-9), 7. Pleasant Valley (11-2), 8. Athens Bible (13-4), 9. Colbert Hts. (14-3), 10. Northside (14-3).
CLASS 4A-5A
1. Hazel Green (31-3), 2. Hartselle (15-8), 3. Gardendale (20-4), 4. Buckhorn (29-5), 5. Robertsdale (16-10), 6. Benjamin Russell (17-4), 7. Trinity (6-4), 8. Saks (16-8), 9. Muscle Shoals (19-5), 10. Escambia County (14-6).
CLASS 6A
1. Clay-Chalkville (21-4), 2. Auburn (23-0), 3. Grissom (25-3), 4. Baker (36-2), 5. Vestavia Hills (18-2), 6. Oak Mountain (18-6), 7. Hoover (17-5), 8. Hueytown (21-6), 9. Bob Jones (22-8), 10. R.E. Lee (22-6).

Prep Baseball & Softball

DIAMOND DUSTINGS

* BASEBALL *

Zion Chapel falls to Cottonwood 4-3

The Zion Chapel Rebels traveled to Dothan on Monday afternoon for a key area match-up against the Cottonwood Bears and came out on the short end of a 4-3 battle. Jenna Coachman was the winning pitcher for the Bears, while Chris Rames led Cottonwood with 2 hits.

New Brockton outscored Kinston 14-11

The New Brockton Gamecocks continued their recent winning ways on Monday afternoon by outscoring the Kinston Bulldogs 14-11. Heath Parker was the winning pitcher for the Gamecocks, while Tyler Simmons, Tyler McLean, Trent Baxley, Dusty Medley and Layton Griffin all added 2 hits. Jim Besdole and Matthew Wilkerson both had 2 hits and a home-run to lead the Bulldogs, while Garret Parker also added 2 hits.

Kinston falls hard to Pl. Home 16-6

The Kinston Bulldogs saw their record slip to 4-7 on Tuesday afternoon with a big 16-6 loss to the Pleasant Home Eagles. Chris Huckabaa was the winning pitcher and had 2 hits to lead the Eagles, while George Hamilton and Matthew Wilkerson both blasted home-runs to lead the Bulldogs.

Kinston Bulldogs upset Florala 3-2

The Kinston Bulldogs snapped their three-game losing streak and kept their state playoff hopes alive Thursday afternoon by upsetting the Florala Wildcats 3-2, at Florala. Jim Besdole scored the winning run on a balk in the sixth inning for the Bulldogs, while George Hamilton was the winning pitcher as he allowed only two hits and fanned seven batters.

New Brockton spans Samson 12-5

The New Brockton Gamecocks evened their record at 6-6 on Thursday afternoon by blasting the Samson Tigers 12-5, in a key area contest in Samson. Randy Danford got the win on the mound for the Gamecocks and also added 2 hits,

At Trojan Stampede

Troy State Rodeo team has high finishes

Kayne Simmons finished third in calf roping, and Amber McDougald fourth in break-away roping to lead the Troy State Rodeo team in the Trojan Stampede on Saturday evening at the Pike County Cattleman's Association.

Simmons finished the qualifying round with a time of 11.2 seconds. In the final round he had a time of 11.8 seconds. His combined average was 23.0 seconds to secure his third-place finish.

"The boys did well," head rodeo coach Cliff Tuliver said. "They had a good outing and have made improvements over

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2003 Elba beauty queens crowned in four categories



LITTLE MISS ELBA...(from left) - 2nd runner up Sarah Bryan, 1st runner up Caitlin Cooper, Little Miss Elba 2003 Reagan Kelley, and 3rd runner up Venecia Magwood.

The Elba Miss Pageant was held March 15, 2003 at the Elba High School auditorium. This is the second year that the pageant was sponsored by the New Seasons Study Club. Audience members were entertained by the current Miss Alabama, Scarlett Deupree. Miss Deupree also served as the mistress of ceremonies for the event.

Winners were named in several categories including photogenic, evening gown, verbal communications, interview and written communications. These winners were:

Photogenic

Miss Elba: Anna Anderson; Junior Miss Elba: Hannah Manning; Little Miss Elba: Caitlin Cooper; and Future Little Miss Elba: Madelyn Kelley

Evening Gown

Miss Elba: Anna Anderson; Junior Miss Elba: Kendall Stinson; and Little Miss Elba: Reagan Kelley

Verbal Communications

Miss Elba: Anna Anderson; Junior Miss Elba: Cameron Irwin; and Little Miss Elba: Reagan Kelley

Interview

Miss Elba: Anna Anderson; Junior Miss Elba: Kendall Stinson; and Little Miss Elba: Reagan Kelley

Written Communications

Miss Elba: Natasha Brooks

Overall Ad Sales Winner: Cameron Irwin



Miss Elba 2003...Anna Anderson was crowned Miss Elba 2003. Not pictured are 1st runner up Natasha Brooks and 2nd runner up Meredith English.



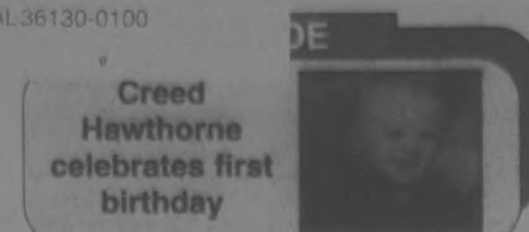
FUTURE LITTLE MISS ELBA...(from left) - 3rd runner up Emilee Hudson, 1st runner up Madelyn Kelley, Future Little Miss Elba 2003 Annely Padgett, and 2nd runner up Kaelyn Fillingim.



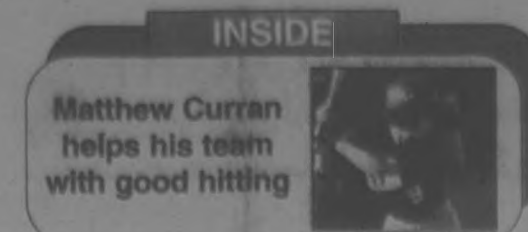
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Elba Elementary School Menu April 14 - 18, 2003

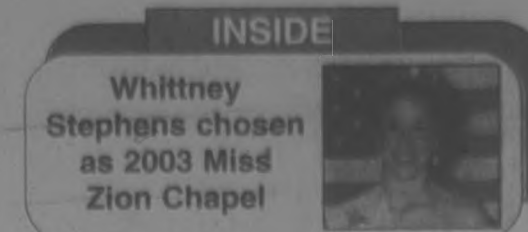
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Wednesday: Biscuit & Jelly, Sausage Patty, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday: Turkey Dressing, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, English Peas, Cranberry Sauce, 1/2 Orange, Bread, Milk
Thursday: Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday: Hamburger, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill Pickles, Easter Cake, Milk
Friday: Good Friday Holiday	Friday: Good Friday Holiday



Creed Hawthorne celebrates first birthday



Matthew Curran helps his team with good hitting



Whitney Stephens chosen as 2003 Miss Zion Chapel

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Elba City Council hears drainage complaint from owner of new home

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council approved another off premises beer license Monday night with almost no discussion and left unsolved a drainage problem from the owner of a new residence at the corner of Whitman and Lee Streets.

In other business they paid the monthly bills and councilmen mentioned a couple of constituent's complaints which need addressing.

The alcohol license of Timothy Blue was approved pending background checks and other checks by state officials.

James Coleman addressed the council about a drainage problem at his new home located at the intersection of Lee and

Whitman Streets. He explained the water came into his yard from three different directions.

City Clerk Wayne Grantham noted that the city's consulting engineer had visited the site and left with the understanding that Coleman was going to take some action on his property to cure the problem. Coleman said he had legal advice to leave any such work to the city. He was promised that they would look at the problem again.

Several relatively minor complaints from citizens were voiced by Council members Harold Spicer, Jr. Culver and Ronnie Hammond.

Mayor James Grimes scheduled an informal work session on Monday night, April 21st.

Coffee County Commission hears update from D.A. Gary McAiley

by Linda Hodge, Editor

District Attorney Gary McAiley addressed the Coffee County Commission Monday morning, April 14, and provided an update of several things his office is and will be implementing.

Since becoming district attorney, McAiley said his office has processed 243 felony defendants with 203 of those defendants having their cases resolved.

"It's my job to clean up the docket and make sure justice is done for all," he said.

McAiley said the child support division needed a lot of work when he became district attorney, and although it still needs improvements, he said things are looking better with this division.

He said the restitution recovery division should be in full swing by the end of this month, and the objective is to be sure those criminals ordered to pay some sort of restitution to victims are doing just that.

McAiley said his office will look at every case processed over the past 10 years, and notification will be given to those who should be paying restitution to allow them an opportunity to come to the district attorney's office to set up ways to pay the money.

If the person chooses not to come in or pay the money, McAiley said his office will take them back to court.

Following this brief update, the district attorney moved his

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Citizens gather around square to kickoff Elba's 150 celebration

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The sun shined brightly Sunday afternoon, April 13, as citizens gathered around the historic downtown square in Elba to kickoff "Celebrate...Elba 150" with a bit of singing, preaching, poetry and even a history lesson.

The Sunday afternoon religious service served as the first scheduled event for the year long celebration of Elba's rich history from 1853-2003, and the spirit of community was evident.

A community choir entertained the crowd with a patriotic medley, "The Star Spangled Banner," several hymns, and, of course, the choir led everyone in singing "Happy Birthday" to Elba, along with "God Bless America."

Former Coffee County Probate Judge Marion Brunson, who is recognized as one of the county's top historians, reminded those in attendance of some of Elba's most remembered events including how Elba came to be, as well as, the floods it has withstood through the years. He also revealed a tidbit of information most in attendance did not realize in that the record books indicated the incorporation date for the City of Elba being April 13, 1853 (exactly 150 years to the date of the sesquicentennial celebration kickoff).

Brunson also spoke of two other sesquicentennial celebrations taking place in Elba this year.

The Elba United Methodist Church remains Elba's oldest church as it too celebrates 150 years, and the Brunson Family Reunion, which brings over 400 descendants to the Elba area each year, will celebrate its 150th reunion in just over one week on Saturday, April 26.

All of this was highlighted with a short sermon by Rev. John Baxter, the current pastor of Elba United Methodist Church, and a special poem written and delivered by Winzell Gray.

Now that "Celebrate...Elba 150" is officially underway, everyone is encouraged to get involved and help make the city's sesquicentennial year one to remember.

The next scheduled event will be the Fun Run on Saturday, May 3, in downtown Elba. For more information, call 897-3125.

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Tanner Hudson (left) and J. Cole Spicer (right) found some time afterwards to play and have a little fun in the sun.



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Perfecting the art of the hunt

When Easter rolls around each year, there is one thing all youngsters have in common - hunting eggs.

And, with the holiday now only a few days away, many youngsters have begun practicing their hunting skills in order to be the one who finds the most eggs during this year's hunt.

In the picture to the right, brothers Seth and Avery Hanchey, the sons of Greg and Lisa Hanchey of Elba, made use of the flower bed in front of their home to refresh all hunting skills as Seth, age 9, offered several pointers to his little brother Avery, age 5.

While Seth and Avery improved their skills just for fun, the bottom picture shows two friends who used an Easter egg hunt as part of a birthday celebration.

Fischer Crowell, the son of Lynn and Kristie Crowell of Elba, helped his little friend, Collin Anderson, the son of Mandi and Mike Anderson of Red Level, celebrate his third birthday by hunting eggs last Saturday afternoon.

So, whether it's two brothers or two friends, Happy Hunting to all this Easter holiday!



Children hunting for Easter eggs in a yard.

New Brockton Town Council votes to apply for three separate grants

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The New Brockton Town Council held a rather routine

meeting Monday evening, April 7, with grants being the main matter of business.

Council members approved a resolution to apply for a grant with ADECA (Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs) to obtain two police cars from the state surplus division.

New Brockton was selected to apply for the grant after Mayor Charles Cole sent a letter to the law enforcement traffic safety division of ADECA requesting assistance in allowing the town to purchase two patrol vehicles.

In his letter, Cole said, "the existing police vehicles are aged with excessively high mileage and need to be replaced for reliable community patrol service."

The motion to accept the res-

Lenwood Herron, grant writer for New Brockton, said if New Brockton's application is approved, the grant will be a 90-10 percent matching fund grant, and the amount the town will have to pay will vary based on the asking price of the vehicles chosen for purchase.

Council member Jody Stuckey expressed a concern over looking at buying used vehicles from surplus that have a good number of miles already on them.

If they don't have anything on surplus that meets our criteria, we don't have to accept it," council member Ron McMonagle said in response.

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olution to apply for the grant with ADECA was approved with all members voting in favor except Stuckey.

Two other grants were discussed by the council, and motions were passed for each.

A Single Purpose Comprehensive Community Development Block project for housing, water, sewer, streets, drainage, etc., and Herron said the new grant amount will be approximately \$400,000 with a \$40,000 local matching fund requirement for New Brockton.

He added that the match amount can be cash or in-kind work.

"We have tentatively looked at extending sewer service to Willow Street, Langston Street, Corey Street, Till Alley and Pearl Street that are currently unserved by sanitary sewer," Herron said.

The council approved a motion to authorize the preparation of the grant application, conduct the necessary public hearings, authorize the mayor to sign the grant application with supporting documentation and submit application to ADECA for funding consideration.

Herron also said the town is eligible to apply for a Community Enhancement Fund Grant Application to renovate the old Jr. Food Store on South John Street.

He also told council members that New Brockton had gone from 46.02 percent low and moderate income households in 1990 according to the U.S. Census to 51.3 percent according to the 2000 U.S. Census.

"This is good statistical grant news for the town in that New Brockton now qualifies on a

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Area Happenings

WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH BAPTIST MEN will sponsor the annual community Sunrise Service on Sunday, April 20, at 6:30 a.m. Rev. Bobby Holladay, pastor of Westside, will bring the message. The Westside choir will provide the music. Breakfast will follow in the Activities Building. Everyone is invited to attend the service and breakfast that follows.

ELBA'S SESQUICENTENNIAL FUN RUN will be Saturday, May 3, and everyone is invited to come out and join the fun of a one mile run, walk or jog around downtown Elba. Registration will begin at 7 a.m., and the fun run will begin at 8 a.m. Registration and beginning of the race will be at the Elba Senior Citizens Building across from the police station. There will be one winner in each age division with that winner receiving an Elba Sesquicentennial Celebration T-shirt.

THE DOTHAN-HOUSTON COUNTY SUBSTANCE ABUSE PARTNERSHIP AND THE WIREGRASS HISPANIC LITING OUTREACH PROGRAM will host the International Family Day in the Park on Saturday, May 3, from 12-10 p.m. with 5 games at the Johnny Hesterwood Park, Hwy. 367 S.E. Entertainment activities scheduled include: Wiregrass Hispanic dance tournament, Hispanic folklore, live musical entertainment and workshop on Hispanic issues. For more information, call Maria Aguilar at (334) 793-5709.